(c) The Gene Bank at TBGRI would concentrate its activity in peninsular India. The NBPGR and CIMAP banks would, between them, cover the other biogeographic regions of the country. All the three gene banks are being equipped with state-of-the art infrastructure including seed and field banks, tissue culture repository, and cryobank. They would carry out not only surveys and explorations of assigned regions, but also collection, characterization, documentation, and development of database so as to conserve the valuable germplasm resources of medicinal and aromatic species. Training of personnel, is an integral part of the banks' activity.

(d) Budgetary provisions have been made for 1993-94. The three gene banks are entirely funded by the government of India, and as of now no international funding is expected.

FINDINGS OF SPACE RESEARCH

3272. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) in what way space research has provided findings for peaceful purposes in the country; and

(b) by when Government expect favourable findings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) The Space research in the country has resulted in establishment of space based systems for providing services in the areas of communication, meteorology, resource survey and management.

The Indian National Satellite (INSAT) system is providing operational services in the areas such as long distance communication. TV broadcasting radio networking, meteorological data relay, disaster warning and search and rescue.

The Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) satellite systems are providing operational services in areas such as agricultural crop acreage and yield estimation, drought warning and assessment, flood control and damage assessment, land use/land cover mapping for agro-climatic planning, waste-land management, water resources management, ocean/marine resource survey and management, urban development, mineral prospecting, forest resources survey and management etc.

Also, the coutry, over the years through he space research programme has built space capability not only for application in several vital areas of national development benefiting the grass roots of the Indian society, but also has led to development of several high technologies as well as some high calibra Indian industries.

Thus, today Space research has become a vital element of the country's infrastructure development.

(b) Does, not arise.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report (1993-94) and Accounts (1992-93) of the Indian Airlines, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Air India, Bombay and related papers.

III. Notification of the International Airports Authority of India, New Delhi.

IV. Notification of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : Madam, I lay on the Table—